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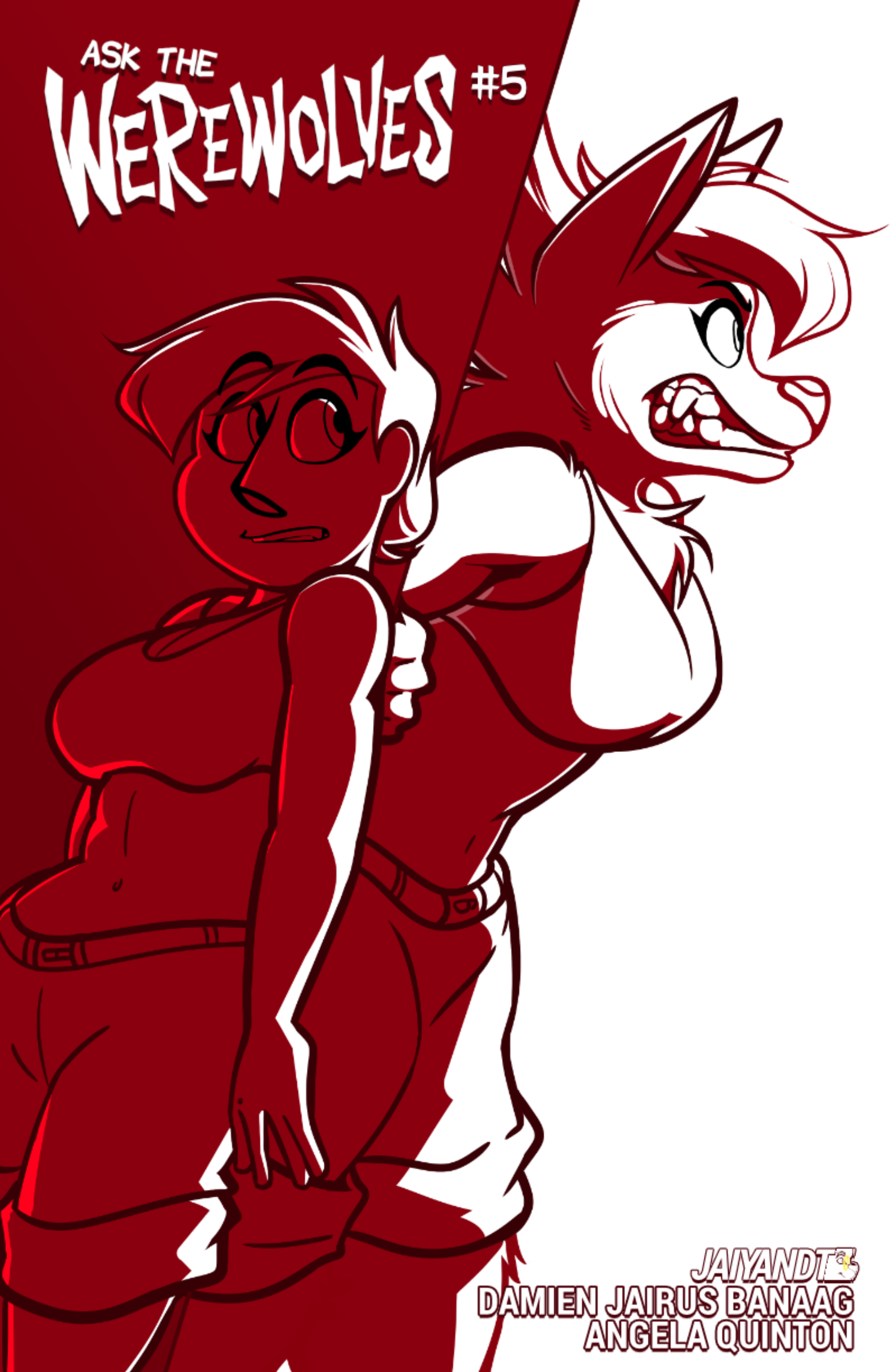

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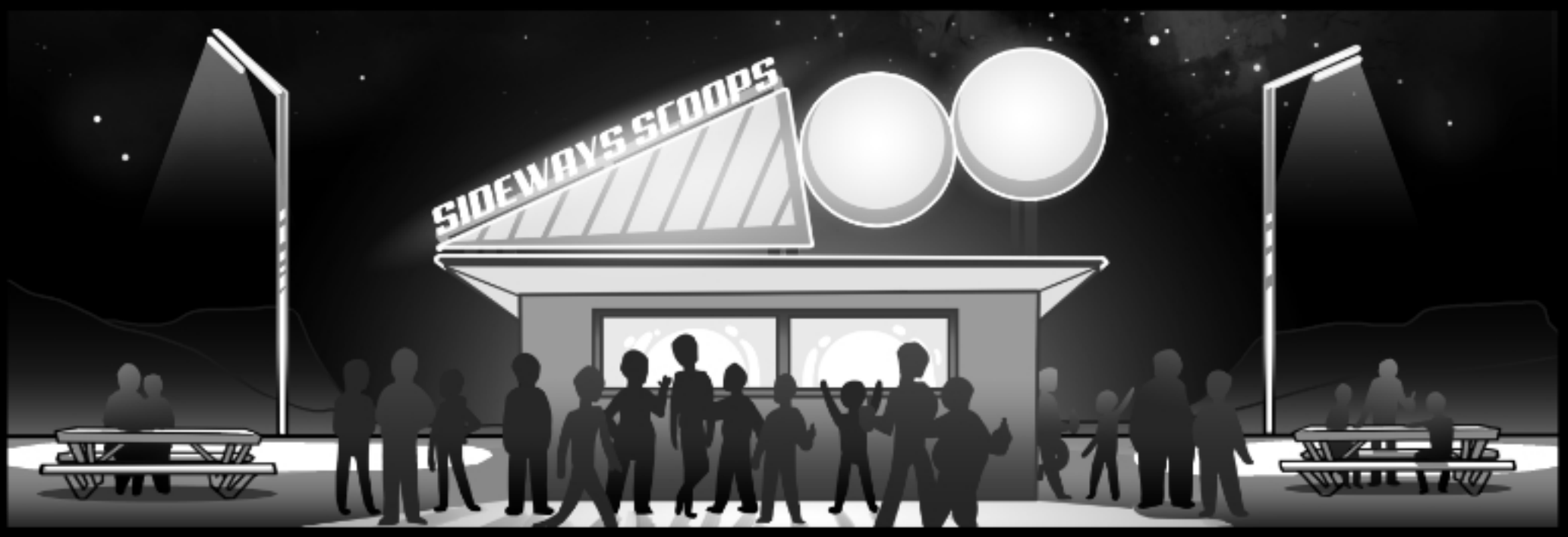
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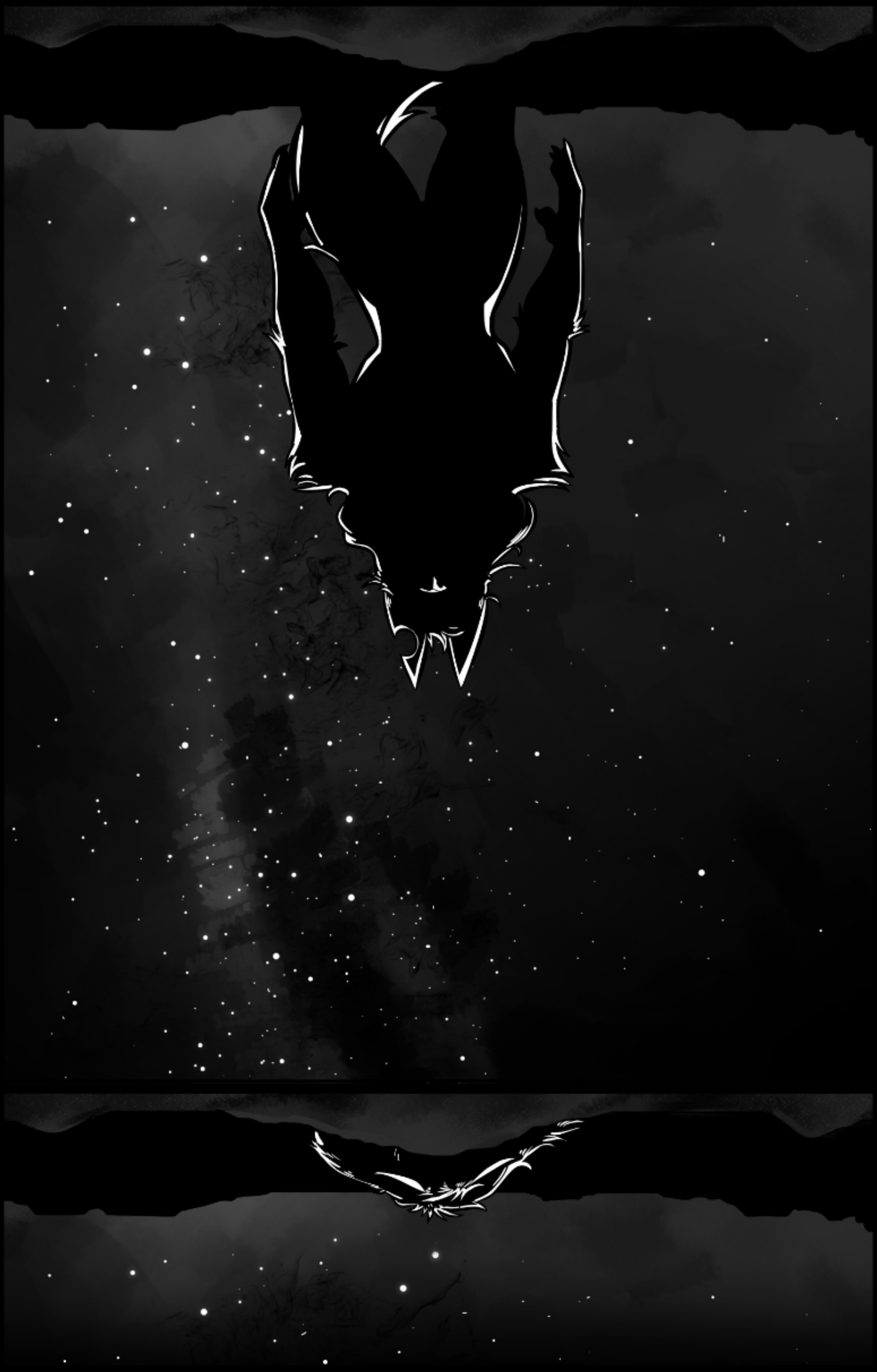

Hey. Coffee.

mmmmrrgh

What time is it?

Four.

...PM?

Yeah.

And we didn't die?

Hate to disappoint, but no.

Cool.

I think I'll celebrate by staying in and watching shitty movies all day.

Yeah, same.

I dunno if I could take much m-

Misty! Um, hi?
Duran! Yes, hi!
Sorry to just pop in on you, but Blackbird wasn't picking up.
How was the camping trip?
Oh, we uh, had to cut it short. Do you wanna -
- come inside?
Ooooo, I love the new place! A real score!
How's it been so far? You two seem to be settled by now...
Oh yeah, it's been... nice.
Hey Blackbird? Misty's here.
...high ceiling, great wood paneling...
...whatever this is...
Everything a girl could want, huh?
BB! There you are!
Your new place looks great!
Yeah, apart from our neighbors...
...and too many dogs for my tastes, but, I'll deal.
Right on!
Speaking of, how did things work out with the 300-pound chocoholic?

Oh yeah, uh, Reznor! He'll be fine!

We left him at the cabin.

With our friends.

Who camp at the cabin.

Uh, we were thinking of adopting, since that's kind of a requirement to live around here...

A dumb one.

...but he couldn't control himself around s'mores, so, yknow. Seemed like a bad fit.

It's good you're trying to overcome your anti-dog thing!

But I'd advise against this brand, it's junk food to them.

Yeah, tell me about it.

I mean, want coffee?

Oh, no thanks, coffee would spoil my birthday drinks.

Birthd-?!

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Give us five minutes to get dressed.

...seems like every pet in Macart and Starwalk got sprayed by it.

So their clinics are all backed up, and we get the overflow.

Goddamn.

So you got the graveyard shift?

By yourself?

On my birthday. Yeah.

All over some "mega skunk" that the internet made up.

Or, I mean...

The ***stench*** is real, at any rate.

This town gets weirder every day.

Yeah, but this traffic never lets up one bit.

Why don't you two get out here? I'll meet you inside after I've parked.

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ABRACADABRA

Aaaaahgod, grilled onions, I've missed you so.

So, what was he like?

mrph?

Django. Was he a nice guy?

Oh. Uh...

I'd rather we not...

Django was, uh, a werewolf.

In ways you and I aren't.

I... don't really know what those ways are? I'm still new to this.

He wasn't the type to moonlight as a wolfman with a coding job.

It was a lifestyle for him. All or nothing.

O...kay...

And he was quiet. Not a lot of friends.

Made most of his friends through me.

He was shy, huh?

No.

No, not at all.

And he was the one who bit you?

He was the one.

Did he have a big cock?

DEVIANTART

Well, did he?

You *ass!* You waited till I was chewing to ask me that!

I might have.

Well, that much I'll never tell you. Call it a werewolf's discretion.

Microscopic. Gotcha.

And what about *you*, huh?

I know you and Abe were friends back then, so you must have some stories from that time.

Uh... not really.

What, no school chums? Band geeks?

Computer club?

Mathletes?

Nope. I know Abe from high school, but then he went on tour, and I went to, uh, to college.

College boy, right. And you must have had friends there.

Girlfriend?

Boyfriend?

Anyone whose genitals I can ask about?

I don't like to talk about that time in my life.

What? After I told you all of that? No fair!

Oh, so when *I* hold things back, it's not fair.

When ***you*** do it, I just have to deal, even if it ends in deadly poison.

What? I fucking apologized, didn't I?

No, you didn't.

Then I'm ***sorry***, alright? I'm sorry for the chocolate fiasco, and pushing those two bobbleheads around. Okay?

Are you sorry for ***this?***

...What?

Are you really sorry? For doing this to me?

I ***did*** apologize for that!

What's got you so sour? Less dessert choices in your life?

You can turn into a ***werewolf!***

You didn't ask me if I wanted it.

And now there's no undoing it.

Why... would anyone ***not...?***

I'd want the choice!

But I didn't get the choice.

So I think you should apologize, for taking that from me.

I'm...

...fuck.

I gotta go.

What?

Blackbird?

BLACKBIRD!!

ABRACADABRA

Hey, there they are!

What, flying solo?

I thought the odd couple were with you.

They're burgin'. Won't be long.

Well then, why wait?

Oh my, Abraham!

A conical pyramid? For *me?*

Tradition demands hats...

...and drinks to match.

A fruity pleaser? Oh, you big sap.

So, what are your plans for tonight?

Oh, I uh, gotta go to the clinic after this.

On your *birthday?!*

That's some bullshit.

It's, uh, it's double-time pay. And a step closer to a promotion.

I hope.

Me too.

I admire your grind, but that better be worth it, for all the animal shit involved.

Yeah, I mean, I wonder about it too. I love all the work, but it can feel really aimless sometimes.

Chasing things I can't see.

Ah, the familiar, endless pursuit of who-knows-what. Like dogs to cars.

I can't help it.

Damn right. But it can wait a few hours.

Happy birthday, Misty.

Thanks, Abe.

Abe!!

AAAAAABE!

Blackbird!

Didja get all moved in wi-

Abe Abe Abe Abe Abe Abe Abe Abe Abe

Abe I gotta move back into your guest room *pleeeeaaase!*

Uuuummmm...

No.

But but but ***PLEEEAASE!***

You didn't break up with Duran already, didja...?

It's only been a few months...

It's... i-i-it's ***complicated!***

Hey Abe.

Hey there, Brutus. Mind filling me in?

We-

Nope!

Can't do this right now!

Three more of those when I get back.

On *his* tab.

...What'd you do?

We're going through some stuff. I think I pressed her too hard.

When are you gonna apologize?

When she does.

Uh huh. You think that'll work with her?

Probably not.

Has that *ever* worked? With *anyone?*

I swear, dude, sometimes you're like a kid holding his breath until he gets a toy.

It's not like that! I'm trying to keep-

Things have been chaotic lately, and-

I've been trying to get them under control.

Looks like it ain't workin'.

Your track record's not great, between your last visit and whatever *this* is.

What? ***Mine?!***

I'm the one being an adult about this!

Oh, really? Cool. Good to know.

I can explain how mature and sensible you are to the cleaners and contractors who fixed my room.

Or to the girl outside,

who takes four shots to tolerate you.

Oh my god, Abe.

I know we did you wrong, but I really don't need a lecture tonight.

Don't get it twisted, I do empathize.

But you should have learned by now that you can't control Blackbird.

She's her own person.

Not a column in a spreadsheet.

Uh huh.

...You want a beer?

Yes.

Say the magic word.

Yes, please.

Already forgot what bar you're in?

...Fine. Yes. ***Abracadabra***.

Keg's dry.

Be right back.

No.

GARAGE

SARRAZIN 71.98

No.

No.

No.

No.

Fuck off.

Fuck *off.*

SPEED LIMIT 55

I can smell you.

Say something.

You've been following me since the dinner date, haven't you?

Say something or ***fuck off.***

Found you, Birdie.

Don't call me that. What do you want?
Just see you. Ask questions.
I'm getting too many of those today.
New boy? I smell him. Close by.
So what? He's none of your business.
Maybe. But you know.
Making another. Risky.
My risk, not yours.
Cute idea.
But wrong.
He's angry. Soft. Too well fed.
Fuck that. He's handling it better than I ever did.
No thanks to you.
Come with me. We'll talk.
Never.
Private. Away from noises.
Go fuck yourself.
Or else.
You remember what happened the last time you tried to threaten me?
Four years later. Still kicking.
I don't know where you crawled off to, but you should have stayed there.
Rrrrgh! You think? I was on vacation?
Don't care.
Get gone, or I'll *make* you gone.
You'll try.

Hey Misty! You got into the birthday spirit quick!

Spirits! With an S, big guy!

Oh hey, big guy!

How ya been?

...*Fuck!* That cop? Why is *he* here?!

He's no regular...

Fuck, he knows about us. Or knows *something.* Why wouldn't he-

Blackmail. Shit. He's got something over us. We left biological evidence everywhere...

Evidence of... dumpster-fucking? I'm going to prison over *that?!*

Turn into a werewolf, nut in a dumpster, and get strung up by a pair of rich assholes, that's just my-

Cheers.

Hey, uh, Abe? We're friends, right?

Today, yes.

Has, um... Has Blackbird told you?

Told me what?

About...

About how she's a w-

KA-CRACK!!

Oh wow, that sounded expensive.

Go check on her, dude.

Blackbird? I-

What the *FUCK* is *THAT?!*

Oh, hi honey. This is my ex.

Meet Django.

Your high school boyfriend is here? And he's ***THIS?!***

I am. And you?

sniff sniff Less than dog. New and stupid. Weak. Undercooked.

He's a better man than you ever were.

I'm pissed at him, and I'll ***still*** say it.

Better man? Heh. Not anymore. You bit him.

He's a puppy. A project.

Hey, I'm-

Yeah, I bit him! And I'll give you a thousand times worse, you greasy mother FUCKER!!

Blackbird, NO! We can't risk-

PFHAHAHAA!!

Risk?! Like you know?

My Blackbird, tamed. What a pity.

Come with me. I'll change you.

Just like before.

You're never fucking with me again!

I'll *KILL* you!

That's my Birdie.

I *SAID* not to call me that!

Blackbird, *NO!*

That cop who knocked on my door, he's at the bar! He's watching us! We-

Duran? Babe?

Shut up and get inside!

Yyeess, babe, get inside!

Socially anxious puppy!

You don't know what he's like!

You mean besides disgusting?

I mean if I don't stop him here, we'll never be rid of him!

Blackbird? Duran?

Did you guys get lost out here?

Misty?!

I got the DJ to play the Miku cover of Ievan Polkka...

And... uh...

...Is everything okay out here?

I thought I heard, uh, shouting?

NO! No you didn't.

We're fine out here, everything's fine. How are you?

I'm two cocktails in, and worried about my friends.

Come on, can you please tell me what's up...?

I *am* telling you, we're just getting some fresh a

aaaaAAUURRK

Thanks again for calling us a ride, Mist.

I guess Reznor wasn't the only one who caught a sore stomach last night.

Don't worry about it! Just take her straight home and start on resting.

Straight home.

Make sure she drinks fluids, maybe eats some white toast if she can handle it.

Got it.

And the same for you too, if you start to feel weird.

Are you, uh, gonna be okay here?

Yeah, mostly. Another hour or two with this hat, then it's a lovely evening spent de-skunking.

TEKSHAR

Hey... sorry. You deserve a better birthday.

We'll make it up to you.

Yeah, yeah.

You just try to feel better.

TEKSIKAB
1-555-CARS
Feel any better?
Eh, kinda. Adrenaline's fading. Less pukey.
You, uh... you lost that burger.
And showdowns with mutated ex-boyfriends make me hungry.
Steaks?
Steaks.

oh my god those smell *so good gimme gimme gimme gimme*

In a minute!

Have you gotten a whiff of the neighborhood?

Smells like everyone and their grandma is grilling tonight.

Less chatter, more platter!

Oh my goff, why iff food sfo *good?*

Second-best thing I've eaten all week.

Discovered that werewolves have appetites other than sex, huh?

Yeah, I can't believe there's more to it than racing possums to the best trash.

I'm so happy to have witnessed your development as a cryptid, pupper.

But hey, now that we have a minute, we should-

Wait.

What is it?

I didn't even think about it... if the whole neighborhood grills... then it all smells...

And if all we can smell is meat, then we can't-

Hi again, puppy.

Like I said.

Birdie's with me.

Rrrgh.

I was right. Microscopic.

PFAHAHA!!

That your best?! Teddy bear pup!

You tell jo-

Since when in the hell can you do *that?!*

High school wrestling.

Judo in college.

But... but you're a computer guy!

Yeah, got kicked out of both.

Couldn't control my temper.

Hmmph. Lucky. Big strength.

Now I know.

Birdie didn't teach, huh? Typical.

Teach me what, asshole?

To be us. What we are.

Would it kill you to speak a complete se-

TOO SLOW!!

Must be QUICK!

Must be WILD!

NO!!

DURAN!

Django, you goddamn freak! Leave him alone!

My sweet Birdie.

Still too soft.

Mistake, making you. But don't worry.

You will learn.

STOP, DAMMIT! I'LL *KILL* YOU!

It's okay. Fix your mistakes.

You grow again.

Grow? That sounds... really fucking dumb, dude...

This isn't a... roleplay group...

More jokes? Even now?

Birdie, why *him?*

Pathetic.

AAUAAAAHH!!

Boring little man.

Money? House? Soft. *Tame.*

You, a wolf?!

PFAHAHAH.

Could never learn.

And never will.

Don't worry, burger.

Birdie will flourish.

With m

Duran!

Oh my god, ***stay awake,*** please stay awake...!

Sorry...

Sorry for...

Please, I can't...

I...

We're gonna...

...get noise complaints...

goddammit

Hey BB, in the future, you don't have to call the clinic phone if you have m-

WHAT THE FUCK ARE THOSE?!

THOSE ARE DOGS?!
Uh, yeah, this is... *Duffy...*
...this is *Reznor...*
Jesus shit, they're gigantic! What's wrong with their paws...?
What happened in here...?
Misty, ***please*** don't freak out if I tell yo
LATER!
We need to get them to the clinic, ***now!***
Right. Yeah.
Where's Duran for all this?
Uh, he walked to the pharmacy? For stomach medicine?
And why are there ***two*** of these dogs? Your friends at the cabin gave you these?
Misty, ***please...***
I can explain, but I don't want either of them to die...!
Blackbird, is this related to dogfighting, or something?
Cause if it is, I'll never forgive you!
I promise, it's not about dogfighting!
Really? Because these two are roided out on ***something***, and if it's illegal...
It's not that, I-
You picked one goddamn hell of a way to get interested in dog ownership, you know that?
I know, um, our friends, uh, they brought both over, and I just couldn't...
We were eating dinner, and they started a fight over steak scraps, and...
And you were feeding them from the ***TABLE?!***

The brown one's got gaping wounds, and I don't know ***what*** could be wrong with the white one.

Two dogs that large shouldn't be in a home that small. I don't know if ***any*** home could hold them both...

I know, Misty, but I tried my-

I know, but-

Oh, ***do you***, BB?

You seem to know all of this, and you did it anyway!

There are rules! Responsibilities!

I...

I...

I KNOW!!

Goddammit, ***I know*** I'm not responsible enough for this!

But I ***tried!*** I'm trying my best...!

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Oh. Oh shit. I'm sorry, I'm so sorry.

Listen...

I'll do all that I can.

I got them.

I got you.

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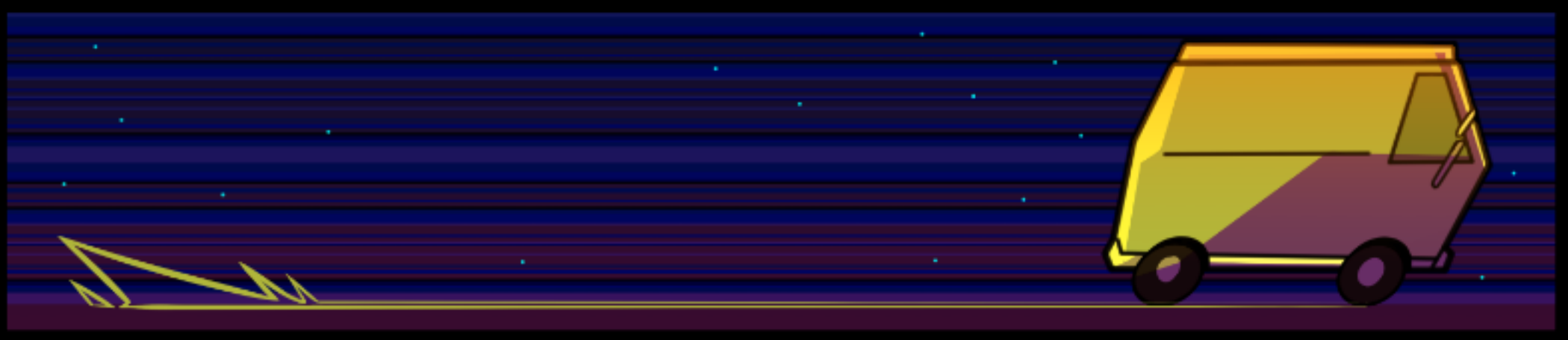
Thanks...



Do you have anything to, uh, tie this one down with? He's more violent than the brown one.

We have a heavy-duty cage, but...

...shouldn't we treat both of them first...?

Believe me, we've gotta restrain *him* right away.

He's a survivor.

I'll get a muzzle.

And an electroshock collar, too?

Fine, fine, just let me treat them!

Do you think that'll be enough to hold him?

Fuck if I know.

This one's breathing okay, but... fractured pelvis...?

He's lost a lot of blood, but he's so big, I don't know if it matters...

These injuries aren't dog bites...

I, uh, I can-

Blackbird? Not while I'm working.

Go monitor the other one, and tell me if anything beeps.

Sure. Can do.

Well Misty, it's not the party you wanted, but...

...it's nice to help a friend.

I guess.

rrgh

uuhhhuff

Whoa.

Whoa, easy there, big guy...

Hhhhey Mist.

Ssssorry we ruined your birthday.

Drinks on mmme next time, okay?

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So... you know all the rest after that, right?

Can we go now?

Hey.

Hey.

I'm asking the questions here.